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- At the end of October 1952, [redacted] supply officers of units in the barracks installation on the southeastern side of Berliner Strasse included Lieutenant Colonel Vasenko (fnu), wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and whose unit, commanded by Colonel Malakhatche (fnu), wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, was quartered in four buildings; Lieutenant Colonel Chernin (fnu), whose unit was equipped with T-34/85 tanks and was quartered in two buildings, Lieutenant Colonel Pugachev (fnu), who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and whose unit was quartered in one building; and Lieutenant Colonel Shuravlov (fnu), probably of a mortar unit that was quartered in one building. Colonel Malakhatche, was the only colonel observed at the installation. Lieutenant Colonel Chernin was either to be discharged or sent to a recreation center.
- At the end of October, a tank and SP gun unit equipped with JS-2 tanks and JSU-122 guns was determined in the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse. Supply officer Lieutenant Colonel Kusmin (fnu) belonged to the unit. The general repeatedly seen in the billeting area was no longer observed there after completion of the officer course at the beginning of October. His billets on Thorner Strasse was reoccupied by other officers.
- Between 10 and 11 a.m. on 22 October, about 200 troops, mostly NCOs, without weapons, left the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse by truck and were driven to the railroad station where they boarded about 25 boxcars with benches. A band from the barracks installation played at the railroad station. The empty trucks returned to the installation. On 24 October, 60 unarmed NCOs and soldiers were at the railroad station. A military band played for the group. At 3 p.m. on 29 October, 300 unarmed soldiers organized into two groups marched from the railroad station to the barracks installations. The soldiers who were very young, carried rucksacks and wore red-bordered black epaulets. Motor vehicles seen in traffic from and to the barracks installations

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1.  Comment. Units of the 25th Tank Div confirmed by the report as being  50X1-HUM stationed in Prenzlau until the end of October 1952 include the 175th Tank Regt and the unidentified Mort Regt in the barracks installation on the south-east side of Berliner Strasse and the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt in the barracks installation on the northwest side of Berliner Strasse. The two artillery units in the barracks installation on the southeast side of Berliner Strasse cannot be accounted for. As a subunit of the mortar regiment they would be too large, considering the number of buildings occupied by the individual units as well as the T/E of the units identified. For example, the 175th Tank Regt with about 1,300 men occupies two buildings, and the mortar unit with about 600 men is quartered in one building. Accordingly, the artillery unit of Colonel Malakhatke would have 2,000 men and that of Lieutenant Colonel Pugachev about 600 men. Although the 296th Gds AT Arty Regt of the 11th Gds AT Arty Brig (?) has previously been carried in Prenzlau, the entire brigade, according to other information, can be carried in Bernau. The identification of the artillery units concerned is not known. The officers reported on are known from previous reports. One Colonel Kusmin who has been carried as commanding officer of the 83d Gds Hv Tank SP Regt, is presumably only supply officer of the regiment. Paragraph 3 of the report indicates that the exchange of personnel was made by the above mentioned units. Most of the motor vehicle  are believed to belong to the 25th Tank Div. 50X1-HUM

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